

Presidential Message—Immigration Transition: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted his legislative proposal entitled the “Immigration Reform Transition Act of 1997”—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–111).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5667.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5778–79.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5671–72, H5676–77, H5685–86, H5698–99, H5699, H5706–07, H5707–08, H5713–14, H5717, H5725, H5728, H5728–29, H5729–30, H5730, H5730–31, H5731–32, and H5732. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:23 a.m. on July 25.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on D.C. Public Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Jack Evans, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, City Council; Larry D. Soulsby, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department; Michael C. Rogers, City Administrator; Margaret Moore, Director, Department of Corrections; and Otis J. Latin, Chief, Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department; Robert E. Langston, Chief, National Park Service Police, Department of the Interior; and Stephan D. Harlan, Vice-Chairman, Financial Responsibility Authority.

GAO REPORT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing on the GAO Report on the Merger of Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) and the Federal Housing Finance Board. Testimony was heard from Jean Gleason Stromberg, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Nicholas P. Retsinas, Assistant Secretary, Housing and Federal Housing Commission; Bruce A. Morrison, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board; and Mark A. Kinsey, Acting Director, OFHEO.

FATHERHOOD

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on Focus on Fatherhood. Testimony was heard from Representative Pitts and Turner; and public witnesses.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE—ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Accounting and Management Practices of the Corporation for National Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corporation for National Service: Harris Wofford, CEO; and Luise Jordan, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NLRB

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NLRB: William B. Gould IV, Chairman; Fred L. Feinstein, General Counsel; and Robert E. Allen, Inspector General; Carlotta Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

REFORMING INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Reforming Inventory Management Through Innovative Business Practices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: David Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues; Kenneth R. Knouse, Jr., Assistant Director; Robert L. Repasky and Matthew B. Lea, both Senior Evaluators; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Edward Martin, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; James B. Emahiser, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Materiel and Distribution; and Jeffrey A. Jones, Executive Director, Logistics Management, Defense Logistics Agency.

GLOBAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Global Climate Negotiations: Obligations of Developed and Developing Countries. Testimony was heard from Tim Wirth, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State; David Hales, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Global Center for Environment, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Res. 195, amended, concerning the crisis in Cambodia; H. Con. Res. 74, amended, concerning the situation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea; and H. Res. 157, congratulating the people of India and Pakistan on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their nations' independence.

FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action H.R. 1544, Federal Agency Compliance Act.

INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRADE—ROLE OF MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the nature and extent of domestic and international money laundering, its role in the international drug trade, and methods of combating the problem. Testimony was heard from Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Raymond Kelly, Under Secretary, Enforcement, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1493, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 967, to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and be excluded from admission to the United States; H.R. 1543, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit certain nonimmigrant aliens to study in publicly funded adult education programs if the alien provides reimbursement for such study; and H.R. 2172, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make the restrictions on foreign student study at a public elementary or secondary school inapplicable in cases where the school evidences a desire for such result, and to prohibit the use of Federal funds to pay the cost of such study. Testimony was heard from Representatives Frank of Massachusetts, Gilman and Dellums; Jacquelyn A. Bednarz, Special Assistant to the Associate Commis-

sioner for Examinations, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on review of the authority and decision making processes of the National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Region. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The rule waives section 302 (prohibiting consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee's allocation of new entitlement authority) and section 308 (requiring a cost estimate in committee report on new entitlement authority) of the Budget Act against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 (unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 (prohibits reappropriations on general appropriations bills) of rule XXI against the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides that each amendment will be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, will not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and will be protected from all points of order. The rule allows the Chair to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for voting on any postponed question, provided that the voting time on the first in any series of votes is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh, Camp, Klug, Castle, Davis of Virginia, Linda Smith of Washington, Serrano, Obey, Hoyer, Gejdenson and Roemer.

MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES—IMPACT OF PROPOSED TAX CHANGES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on the impact proposed tax changes will have on minority owned businesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action H.R.

2206, Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act of 1997.

VA MEDICAL FACILITY MANagements— REVIEW CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing to review the process by which VA is consolidating VA medical facility managements and their clinical and support services, and the results of such initiatives. Testimony was heard from Stephen Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; Joan Cummings, M.D., Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12; and Christopher Terrence, M.D., Chief of Staff, New Jersey Health Care System; and a public witness.

REPORT—NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RESTRUCTURING THE IRS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Report of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service. Testimony was heard from Senators Grassley and Kerry; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and the following Commissioners of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service: Fred T. Goldberg Jr., Robert Tobias, Larry Irving, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; George Newstrom; Josh S. Weston and David Keating.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY RECIPIENTS—BARRIERS PREVENTING RETURNING TO WORK

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security concluded hearings on Barriers Preventing Social Security Disability Recipients from Returning to Work. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Maura Harty, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and James F. Mack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold hearings on pending legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Federal Measures of Race and Ethnicity and the Implications for the 2000 Census, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider a measure making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.